



Assateague Island National Seashore
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Education

The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.

New Education Tools to Enhance Resource Understanding & Appreciation

Location: Worcester County, Maryland and Accomack County, Virginia
Partner(s): Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen’s Association, Assateague Coastal Trust, Anonymous Private Donor
Total Cost: \$130,000
Proposal # 137513

Summary: This project will develop two new interpretive tools to enhance the public’s understanding of and appreciation for the resources and values of Assateague Island National Seashore. The project’s first element will redesign and rebuild marine life exhibits for the new Barrier Island Visitor Center, scheduled to begin construction in 2008. Over 250,000 visitors per year enjoy the park’s aquaria. Cutting edge fabrication techniques will provide handicapped accessibility, easier maintenance, and sustainability while maximizing visitor experience and educational opportunities.

The project’s second element will complete post production of a film about the National Seashore’s most renowned resource, the Assateague wild horses. The project will fund the completion of post production, including the addition of music, narration, captioning, and final editing. The film will address safe viewing practices, provide fascinating examples of wild horse behavior and explain management practices.

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The proposed project will redesign and rebuild Assateague’s aquarium exhibits, and complete post production of a new film about the wild horses. The projects will enhance public enjoyment, understanding, and appreciation of the wildlife, landscape and water resources of Assateague Island.